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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

*64th meeting.*

*January 12, 1903.*

"Historic Fort Washington on the Potomac" was the subject of Dr. J. Dudley Morgan's communication which was illustrated by the reproduction of a rare, old map, enlarged and colored so as to be readily seen by the audience. The subject was discussed by Miss E. B. Johnston, Col. B. K. Roberts, the present Commandant at the Fort, and Mr. M. I. Weller. "Early History of the Washington Library Company and other local libraries," by Mr. W. Dawson Johnston, was the second communication and Messrs. Davis, Flint, Wilson, Bryan, Hagner and J. Henley Smith participated in the resulting discussion. Mr. Lewis J. Davis exhibited his grandfather's copy of the catalogue of the circulating library of Davis and Force, prior to 1825.

The evening closed with the business pertaining to the annual meeting, Mr. William Henry Dennis and Mr. Thomas Antisell Cruikshank acting as tellers during the election. Present, about 90 members and guests.

*65th meeting.*

*February 9, 1903.*

The first communication was by Miss Cordelia Jackson and read at her request by Mrs. Secretary Beall. The subject was "John Barnes; a Forgotten Philanthropist of Georgetown." It was discussed by Miss E. B. Johnston and Mrs. M. S. Beall. The second, was by Miss Maud Burr Morris on "The Life and Times of Pontius D. Stelle," and was discussed by Messrs. Zevely, Weller, Davis, Spofford and Bryan. Present, about 120 members and guests.

*66th meeting.*

*March 9, 1903.*

Major Henry B. Looker made the first communication, taking for his subject "Gen. Washington's Houses on Capitol

Hill." Discussion by Messrs. J. L. Davis, J. Henley Smith, A. B. Hagner, M. I. Weller and Miss E. B. Johnston. Mr. W. B. Bryan contributed the second, his subject being "Hotels of Washington City Prior to the Year 1814." It was discussed by Dr. A. R. Spofford. Present, about 95 members and guests.

*67th meeting.*

*April 13, 1903.*

The evening was devoted to a discussion on the topic "Why the City Went Westward," the participants being Dr. J. Dudley Morgan, Mr. Glenn Brown (whose paper was read by Mr. Bedford Brown and illustrated by lantern slides), Mr. Allen C. Clark, Mr. W. B. Bryan and Mr. Hugh T. Taggart. Present, about 35 members and guests.

*68th meeting.*

*May 11, 1903.*

Mr. Douglass Zevely's communication was entitled "Old Residences and Family History in the City Hall Neighborhood," and was a continuation of a communication on the same subject made by Mr. Zevely, April 14, 1902, and published in volume 6 of The Records. The second communication of the evening was by John D. McCormick, M.D., and treated of one whom he styled "The First Master of Ceremonies of the White House." Discussed by Miss Johnston, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Glenn Brown. Present, about 60 members and guests.

*69th meeting.*

*November 9, 1903.*

The Chair welcomed the Society and its guests after the summer adjournment and spoke briefly as to the objects for which the Society had been organized, its growth, work accomplished and its prosperity. The communication was by Mr. George Alfred Townsend, who took as his subject the prevalent belief that many houses of colonial times were built of brick imported from England. Mrs. Newcomb, Mrs. Ballinger, Messrs. Weller, Bryan, Morgan, Hagner, Spofford, Mr. Thomas M. Owen, Secretary of the Alabama Historical Society and Miss Johnston took part in the resulting discussion. Present, about 90 members and guests.

*70th meeting.*

*December 14, 1903.*

Dr. A. R. Spofford's communication was on "The Lyric Element in American History" and the subject was discussed by Miss Fanny Lee Jones, Hon. William D. Foulke, Mrs. M. A. Ballinger, Mr. G. A. Townsend, Miss E. B. Johnston, Mrs. Simon Newcomb and Judge Hagner.

The Chair then referred briefly to the great loss sustained by the Society in the death of Marcus Baker, a member of its Governing Board since its organization, and announced that a committee consisting of Dr. Spofford, Mr. Bryan and Miss Johnston had been appointed to provide a suitable memorial to be read at the next meeting of the Society. Present, about 110 members and guests.

All the above meetings were held in the Banquet Hall of the Shoreham.